Summary of Water Resource Plan consultation process and timetable for action

Pre-draft plan consultation	**1.**Water companies to prepare for consultation	Apr '07
	2.Water companies consult pre draft plan s37A(8)	May '07
Preparation of draft plan	**3.**Water companies to produce a draft plan s37A(1) in line with s37A(3) including any directions from SoS/WAG about what it shall address s37A(7).	May 07– Dec '07
	4.Submission of draft plans to SoS/WAG under s37B(1)(a)	Dec '07
National Security and commercial confidentiality process s37B(2)	5. Plans checked for information contrary to national security and SoS/WAG sends notice to person whose information is included in plan is considered to be commercially confidential s37B(2)(a)	Jan - Feb '08
	6. Water company directed to remove any information considered contrary to national security before publication s37B(10)(b)	Feb '08
	7.SoS/WAG notifies water companies of his commercial confidentiality decision based on objections received s37B(2)	Feb '08
Publish draft plan	**8.**Water companies publish draft plans in any way prescribed under s37B(3)(a) and send to persons as may be prescribed under s37B(3)(c)	Mar '08
Representations on draft plans 37B(3 & 4)	**9.**Period of representation to SoS/WAG s37B(3)(b)(ii)	Apr – Sep '08
	10. SoS/WAG to receive & forward representations to water companies s37B(4)	
	11. Assessment of representations in prescribed way by water companies according to regulations under s37B(5)	
Amendments to plan (as directed by SoS/WAG	**12.**Possible hearing on plans according to regulations under s37B(6)(a) and follow LGA '72 unless prescribed s37B(6)(b)	
	13. SoS/WAG may direct companies on final plans as necessary s37B(7)	Sep 08– Dec '08
	14. Water company may object to direction regarding commercial confidentiality issues s37B(9)(a)	Dec 08 Jan '09
	15. SoS/WAG to confirm current/ issue new direction s37B(9)	Jan '09
	16. Water companies to prepare final plans	Jan – Apr '09
	17. Check plans against SoS/WAG direction	Apr – Jun '09
Publish final plan	**18.**Water companies to publish final plans in prescribed way 37B(8); 5 year cycle starts subject to s37A(6)(a) and (b).	July '09

Where:

SoS = Secretary of State
WAG = Welsh Assembly Government

Potential steps

Potential direction or regulations which consultees are invited to comment upon